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Whipohol, Cream & Whipped Lightening:

- **Background:** Alcohol infused whipped cream has been made by chefs for many years, but new products like Cream and Whipped Lightening have a higher alcohol content than beer. (Cream Caramel is 15% alcohol, 30 proof. A beer is approximately 3-4% alcohol.) Product advertising often features it as a topping for Jello shots or other beverages.

- **The problem?** In Wisconsin, these products are food; not regulated alcohol beverages, not taxed as alcohol and their sale cannot be limited to those aged 21 or older. While the Department of Agriculture will urge grocery stores to shelve this product with alcohol, it has no authority to enforce the request. While less economically available to youth, its unregulated status makes it more generally available to youth.



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Southwest Alliance for Tobacco Prevention



From a student who conducts tobacco compliance checks.....

Wisconsin Wins is a program I have been involved because of my involvement in FACT (Fighting Against Corporate Tobacco). I do this because I want to make a difference in people's lives.

WI WINS is a tobacco compliance check program in which a minor enters a place that sells tobacco. The minor (that's me) asks for a tobacco product and checks to make sure the clerk asks for identification. This is important since it is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to purchase any tobacco products. The program is designed to catch businesses doing the right thing and to help keep tobacco out of the hands of underage youth.

I do this program because my dad smokes and I've tried for years to get him to quit. So I want to be involved in tobacco prevention to hopefully get the message across to people my age to never start and to get on board to fight against the big tobacco companies that are working hard to get young people to start using tobacco products. I truly do want to make a positive difference in peoples' lives and my involvement in WI WINS helps me do that.



NEW TEEN COURT PROGRAM



The Grant County Teen Court Program is looking for Volunteers.

- This new program is designed to offer eligible youth an alternative to juvenile court by giving them sanctions from their peers. It provides positive peer pressure with community-based consequences. Youth are offered the opportunity to take responsibility for their actions.
- Volunteers are asked to give 4 Saturdays per year and to attend the beginning training session on September 17.
- This program will give an adult volunteer the opportunity to make positive changes in the life of a youth and an opportunity to be a positive role model for young people in our communities.
- **If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Betsy Olson at 608-723-2125**



S.A.F.E.'s Boscobel Prescription Drug Round Up

“Prescription drug abuse is our nation’s fastest growing drug problem. Emergency department visits involving the misuse or abuse of pharmaceutical drugs have doubled over the past five years” (National Prevention Strategy, p. 31).

Volunteers pictured (from left to right): Ashley Wagner, Lisa Witter, Peggy Schmitt, Todd Miller, Keri Bragg, Kathy Marty, and Michelle Farrell. **Not pictured:** Judy Booth, August Portorine, Mary Portorine, Mary Srunom, Bonnie Owens, Thutt Owens, Susan Dax, Brittany Murphy, and Larry Schmitt.

Youth are trying these drugs younger and younger every year and as a result, more dangers arise.

For example, children are taking prescription drugs from medicine cabinets to get high and that is why it’s important to lock medications up or dispose of them properly. On July 21st, 2011, the S.A.F.E.

Grant Coalition held a Prescription (Rx) Drug Round Up in Boscobel at the Boscobel Bowl and Banquet at 16971 US Hwy 61 from 3 to 7pm. This event was followed by speakers and free bowling and pizza for the community supper with speakers from 6 to 8pm. The Prescription Drug Round Up is

open to the public so anyone can bring in his or her household prescription drugs. This will eliminate the theft of the drugs and ensure the proper disposal of the medication to protect our water supply and our environment. **We concluded the event with four pounds of narcotics and thirty-eight pounds of non-narcotics for a total of forty-two pounds of prescription drugs collected. This coalition event was made possible by our generous volunteers and following partners:**

- Riverway Communities of Hope
- Bohlman Infusion/Pharmacy Pharmacist
- Grant/Iowa Sheriff’ Departments
- Grant/Iowa Health Departments
- Aging and Disability Resource Center

We want to give special thanks to Bohlman Pharmacy for supplying us with one pharmacist (Lisa Witter) for the Round Up and another pharmacist to speak (Michelle Farrell) about protecting families and the environment from Rx abuse. Also, a special thanks to Todd Miller, Grant County Sheriff Deputy, and Brittany Murphy, AmeriCorps/UW-Extension for their informative presentations regarding the coalition’s successful underage drinking interventions. We also want to wholeheartedly thank all of our other partners and volunteers for making this event a success! As an intern for the Grant County S.A.F.E. Coalition, it was an exciting experience to participate in the Rx Drug Round Up. **The next Rx collection will be held by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) on Saturday, October 29, 2011.** Please go to the DEA website (closer to the date) for further details. Please participate at Rx Round Ups held near you! You can help make a difference in our environment by properly disposing of your drugs and to our youth by locking away YOUR prescription drugs.

Submitted By: Keri Bragg





Meet S.A.F.E Grant County's Summer Interns.....

The S.A.F.E. Grant County Coalition is a great place to experience an internship. My name is Keri Bragg and I am interning through the UWP PACCE Program with the S.A.F.E. Grant County Coalition at the Health Department for the summer 2011. I will be a junior at UW-Platteville majoring in psychology and criminal justice. I am gaining experience at my internship with office and hands-on work.

Through this internship, I was able to experience Rural Safety Days on June 14th. It gave me the ability to talk in front of groups of children and control the room and the pace of our activities. I was able to work with different age groups to give lessons about the misuse of prescription drugs. The WI Prevention Conference, also in June, gave me the opportunity to hear some of our prevention issues in Wisconsin and in our health field. I was surrounded by leaders and strong advocates for this field and they all had powerful messages. The Prescription Drug Round Up and community supper in Boscobel on July 21st was something I have never experienced before and I'm glad I was a part of something with such a good purpose. We were able to collect forty-two pounds of drugs (4 of which were powerful narcotics) and help make a difference in our prescription drug abuse problem.

I will walk away from this internship with the will to make a difference around our communities. I am also learning that theatre ads or permanent prescription drop off box(es) have made a difference in many communities and that I could help make a difference in my own community. I want to thank the S.A.F.E. Grant County Coalition and the Health Department for the opportunities and experiences I have had during my internship. Thank you so much! Submitted by Keri Bragg



My name is Ashley Grant County Coalition Grant County Health Department at UW-Madison majoring in psychology and criminal justice.

Interning with the S.A.F.E. Grant County Coalition has given me ample opportunities to experience the field of public health. In June, I was able to spend four days at the Wisconsin State Prevention Conference where I was able to hear from all over the state and attend several informational sessions, varying from drug trends in Wisconsin to behavioral screening in healthcare.

In July, I was a chaperone at the Youth Leadership Conference. Along with helping teach 73 youth about teamwork and leadership skills, I got to improve my own skills by trying out a ropes course for the first time! I also assisted with the prescription drug round up on July 21st in Boscobel, where I learned more about the growing problem of prescription drug abuse. I also got the opportunity to do several job shadows within the health department including home health visits, hospice visits, an environmental visit, a WIC clinic visit, First Breath visits, tobacco cessation visits, and a jail visit.

I want to thank the S.A.F.E. Grant County Coalition and the Grant County Health Department for all of the experiences I gained from this internship. I have learned many valuable lessons that I will be able to bring with me to my future career in healthcare.



Wagner, and I am the S.A.F.E. 2011 AHEC summer intern at the Health Department. This fall, I will be a junior at UW-Platteville majoring in genetics and biology. The S.A.F.E. Grant County Coalition has given me the opportunity to experience the field of public health. In June, I was able to spend four days at the Wisconsin Prevention Conference where I was able to hear from all over the state and attend several informational sessions, varying from drug trends in Wisconsin to behavioral screening in healthcare.

Youth Leadership Conference 2011



This year 73 students from three counties attended the YLC. This conference is offered to students (7th-12th) in Lafayette, Grant, and Iowa Counties. It is a wonderful opportunity for different schools and communities to come together and offer positive changes within those areas. This year our conference consisted of a guest speaker, who emphasized leadership skills, action planning, team-building activities, high and low ropes courses, and it offered students many opportunities to get to know other students from the area.

“I learned more about myself”

“Learned how to be a positive leader”

“Met some new people that were fun”



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Upcoming Events:

- Grant Co. Youth Survey given Sept. 13th--24th.
- Teen Court Volunteer Training Saturday, September 17, 10:00-12:00
- Coalition Meeting—Sept. 22nd, 5:00-7:00 pm, Monroe Conference Room at Grant Regional Health Center

